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Dear Madam or Sir:

This Submission is being concurrently filed with the enclosed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The period for reply to the Final Rejection expired on November 20, 2008. Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Final Rejection, for two months, from November 20, 2008, to January 20, 2009. Enclosed is a check that includes the two-month extension of time fee (\$490.00). It is respectfully submitted that this Response is timely filed within the extended deadline of January 20, 2009. If any additional extension period is required in order for this paper to be timely filed, then Applicants hereby request an extension for such additional time period and authorize the appropriate fees therefore to be charged to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

After the present amendments, the claims include two additional claims in excess of twenty and one additional independent claim in excess of three. Enclosed herewith is a check that includes the fee of \$324.00 for additional claims.

It is believed that no other fees are required in filing this Submission (other than the RCE fee referred to in the RCE Transmittal). However, if any other fees are required, please charge all of the appropriate fees to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.